

NCEA Will Base Fund Demands On Rising Cost Data

Dawson Is Leader As Schoolfolk Seek Special Session

In a move to demonstrate the immediate need for increased appropriations for the schools, the North Carolina Education association's legislative committee will sponsor a survey to show how costs of school operation have risen, and also how much more it costs teachers and others to live today than it did even a short while ago, it was announced this week by A. C. Dawson, of Southern Pines, NCEA acting president.

The survey will be made through the "spot check" method in communities all over the state, in and around where the committee members live. Results are expected to provide a sound backing for the NCEA's request that Governor Cherry call a special session of the legislature, to amend what is said to be a grievous situation.

Dawson, who is chairman of the legislative committee, conducted a meeting of that group at Raleigh Saturday at which the survey was planned. It will get under way, he said, here this week, as soon as the necessary forms can be gotten out and sent around to the members.

Mrs. Swisher In Charge
In Southern Pines he has asked Mrs. Ruth Swisher, president of the local unit of NCEA, to conduct the survey, assisted by others of the school personnel.

Coal, supplies and other essentials for the operation of the schools have gone up so in price that even last year's appropriations are outmoded today, Dawson said the committee believes. Considered as only one item, though a major one, on the schools.

While raising school salaries has been a hotly argued point in North Carolina for the past few years, and an increase was granted by the last General Assembly, the cost of living has risen now to the place that teachers are farther than ever from being able to make ends meet on state-paid salaries, the committee believes.

Differences To Be Shown
It hopes to make this point clear to the Governor and to legislators with the results of the survey, which will include lay as well as school personnel among those questioned, to show the present-day scale of living costs and the disparate salaries with which different groups must meet them.

The costs of such items as food, clothing, rent and fuel, also their differences in different parts of the state, will be explored and revealed.

One group after another within the NCEA, and also the board of directors, have gone on record as favoring the special General Assembly session for consideration of the situation.

Educo Club
The Educo club of Moore county is among educators' groups (Continued on Page 5)

POLIO MEETING

Community chairmen of the forthcoming March of Dimes campaign, to be held in the county January 15-30, will be dinner guests of H. Clifton Blue at a planning meeting to be held at Pope's restaurant Monday at 7 p. m. Chairman Blue said this week.

At this time community quotas will be set and other essential information given out.

In addition to chairmen previously listed, Blue reported the following appointments: Vass, Mack Callahan; Manly, L. F. Garvin; Niagara, J. M. Patterson; High Falls, Prof. Thad N. Fry; Eagle Springs, Rev. H. A. McBeth.

Mrs. Eldon S. Adams of Carthage is chairman of the women's division and Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, Southern Pines, of publicity.

It Was All In Fun At Rotary Club Ladies' Night



Gus Travis, center left, columnist of the Charlotte Observer, receives a cordial welcome from Mayor C. N. Page at the Rotary club's Ladies' Night banquet and fun program, held at the Highland Pines Inn last Friday night. At left is seen Lloyd T. Clark, Rotary president, and at right Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, chairman for the event who served as master of ceremonies. Fun was the order of the day—or night—with "Tuck" and Gus undoing themselves, and each other, in spreading mirth among the huge crowd of Rotarians, their ladies and their guests.

June Phillips led the singing, Mrs. J. Hall of Carthage entertained with the accordion and several ladies won prizes in the "lucky number" drawing. In a hat trimming contest Alton Clark and Graham Culbreth were winning most, and John Ormsby with all sorts of their trimmers, were Stanley Austib.

A fine time was had by all, though several complained this week that their sides still hurt from laughing. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Town Is Proposed As Station Agency

MANY APPLICANTS

With several other towns in North Carolina—their Chamber of Commerce executives, the fact that 36 applications have been received for the post which is open here has been of great interest to the local Chamber directors.

They came from nine states. Phone calls and personal visits have accompanied many of the applications according to John S. Ruggles, Chamber of Commerce president. The enthusiasm which has been evidenced the directors consider a good Chamber of Commerce item in itself.

WSP Choral Group Will Sing Monday At Civic Club

A choral group of 25 voices, representing the combined choirs of the churches of West Southern Pines, will present a program for the public's enjoyment at the Civic Club building Monday at 8 p. m., under sponsorship of the Civic club.

A cantata will be sung which the group gave in West Southern Pines during the Christmas season. Members hearing the Christmas program were so impressed by its beauty that they felt it should have a wider audience, and so arranged for its presentation under the club's auspices, according to Mrs. L. D. McDonald, Civic Club president. An evening of unusual musical enjoyment is promised. Miss B. M. Pitts is director of the group, H. B. Ward serves as violinist and Mrs. I. H. Moore plays the piano accompaniment. There are several soloists.

There will be no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. The general public is given cordial invitation to attend. This will take the place of the regular program scheduled for Monday afternoon, Mrs. McDonald said. Civic Club directors, however, will meet as usual at 2:30 p. m.

McFarland Agency

The bus operated under contract to the Queen City Bus Company, has been discontinued at the request of the operators.

This is being pressed by the town board and members of the local Chamber of Commerce to secure limits of the town, within which the recent operation of the station, realizing errors or present circumstances that undecidably impossible for it was to improve them to a station the size called for needed in Southern Pines, definitely about the present up they would prefer whole than the picture.

"The agent's request" was the at McFarland Passenger Agent way Traveling Passenger Agent Williams, of it. Williams, who Co., express Monday night closed up the regret over the men, expressed complimented the situation Arnold on the excellent Farland handling of the lence of the while they ran the ticket business and that as far as station. Hated had never been he knew were and said "they any coraints did a job."

Williams explained that buses will continue to station to take Farland Arnold stangers, though on deposit passes sold there. No tickets would be continued. The route would be, passing through Bennett street to the corner of the first station, on front avenue, broad street and Venon passenger, and would take one route. It is commenting on the situation, Morris Arnold said that he considered a good convenience for station a number one need at Southern Pines, and one should be supplied as soon as possible both for the convenience of passengers and to handle the increased amount of passengers now travelling. It is noted that this side of the year needs immediate attention, that the abandonment of the station will be applied. (Continued on Page 8)

Record December Boosts Year's Postal Receipts

With a final boost given by a record peacetime December, in which 175,507 cancellations were tallied at the Southern Pines post office, postal receipts for the year showed an increase over the previous year for the first time since 1943.

From that wartime peak, receipts have slid downward each year until now.

Receipts for 1947 were \$40,941.14, according to Acting Postmaster L. T. Hall. For 1943, they were \$40,239.83—a difference on the credit side of \$701.58.

A tremendous volume of Christmas mail passed through the local office, said Hall, reporting the biggest day Monday, December 22, when 13,302 separate pieces of mail were cancelled.

Cancellations record only the outgoing first class mail, including all letters and cards. No record is kept of incoming mail or parcels, incoming or outgoing, but there was plenty of each.

On each of the five days from December 16 through 20, cancellations ran between 11,000 and 13,000 pieces of mail. Though two extra helpers, H. M. Fowler and Lewis Pate, were employed, and put in long hours, the regular staff was called on also for many overtime hours. The situation was complicated by the fact that several regular staff members were ill during the Christmas rush, and one of them, Lawrence Grover, is still out.

All mail was cleared late Christmas Eve and the post office workers went wearily home to take a well earned Christmas rest—all but Dwight Hoskins, John Stephenson and Alden Bowers, who worked part of Christmas day to open up first class mail, get the "specials" out and deliver outgoing mail to the trains.

Late mailing kept the Christmas volume up past Christmas day, Hall said, and they were busy all through that week end. Though first class mail then fell off sharply, parcels have kept right on coming and going at a rapid clip.

RADIO SINGERS

The Silverstone Gospel Singers, of Sanford, will present a program of hymns and spirituals at the Church of God in Christ, West Southern Pines, at 7:30 p. m. January 11.

Members Support C Of C Action To Employ Secretary

Winslow, Krusz Speak At Tuesday Dinner Meeting

More than 100 members of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, who with their guests filled the banquet hall of the Highland Pines Inn to overflowing, with unanimous accord at a meeting Tuesday night approved a resolution recommending that the board of directors employ a full-time, trained executive secretary to carry forward a broad program of civic progress.

The motion, made by John J. McConnell, followed an evening of talks by speakers experienced in the business field, and of extemporaneous comments by a number of citizens, most of whom said they were "with the project 100 per cent." There were no expressions of disapproval, though these were invited by John S. Ruggles, president, who explained that the meeting was for the purpose of discovering the members' sentiment toward the increased expenses and responsibilities the program would entail.

Speakers were Dr. Rex Winslow, director of the bureau of business services and research of the school of commerce of the University of North Carolina, who explained Chamber of Commerce work in general as a town's "collective economic voice," likening the Chamber also to a corporation in which each citizen is a stockholder; and Harry Krusz, executive of the Winston-Salem Chamber and president of the North Carolina association of Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretaries.

Organized Expression

In a good Chamber of Commerce, said Krusz, the voice of free enterprise finds organized expression in the most truly American way.

It coordinates activities which improve and advance the community as a whole, and each business individually, he said; and dues paid to it should not be considered "contributions" but investment or rather as a logical part of business overhead.

An executive of character and ability, carefully selected, putting his full time on the job, is an essential of the program and will pay his way, he declared. In making such a move, he said, Southern Pines was joining in with other towns of North Carolina, most of whom are waking keenly to their opportunities and are moving forward aggressively toward their place in the sun.

He named, among major fields in which Chambers of Commerce work successfully, those of education, industrial development, cultural development, roads and highways, agriculture, city planning, labor relations, aviation, veterans' activities and those of young men in general.

The question of employment of a secretary, for which the Chamber already has a number of applicants. (Continued on Page 8)

Young Kinsman Of Local Folks Wins Rhodes Scholarship, High UNC Honors

Donald Graham Henderson, of New York City, University of North Carolina senior who recently won a Rhodes scholarship in competition with students in all the southeastern states, is the grandson of Mrs. Maria B. Henderson and grandnephew of Francis H. Robinson, both of Southern Pines.

He entered the university in January, 1946, following 34 months of overseas duty, 14 of them in combat, and just this week—only two years later—completed the work required in the usual four-year course for graduation. As if all that were not enough for any one young man, he made Phi Beta Kappa, graduated summa cum laude in history, and is planning to win his M. A. degree at the university before he sails for England next October to begin his Rhodes scholarship tenure.

Government Tenure Of Airport Ends; Improvements Turned Over To County

SLIDE DOWN

Without necessarily adopting any luckier-than-thou attitude, Sandhills folks and friends may legitimately congratulate themselves that they were here and not up there during the recent weeks.

It's been nippy in the early mornings, but what could be finer than this holiday in Carolina?

Better buckle on the skis, friends, start at the top of the map with a good hard shove and slalom right on down.

Do a Christie at the White House and park the skis in the basement. Golf shoes and riding boots will do you from then on.

Polio Strikes In Vass, Foundation Gives Swift Aid

Bobby Phillips Taken To Gastonia Hospital

On the eve of the March of Dimes campaign, another striking example of the work of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation is presented in Moore county—another child stricken with polio, its tragedy considerably alleviated by the Foundation's aid.

Bobby Ray Phillips, 23 months old, of Vass, was taken to the Gastonia Orthopedic hospital last Thursday, his illness tentatively diagnosed as polio. Wednesday of this week, confirmation of the diagnosis was received by Dr. J. W. Willcox, county health officer, from the hospital.

Arrangements for the transfer of the little boy from the Moore County hospital, where he was first taken, to the Gastonia institution were made by Paul C. Butler, Moore County chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, who told the worried mother then that all the hospital expenses would be taken care of.

Whether the treatment required is short or prolonged, the Foundation will stick with the child until it has done all it can do, he said. It is hoped a complete cure may be effected.

Father In Texas
Bobby Ray is the child of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Phillips. His father is working in Texas. His mother, sister and brother are staying with her sister at Vass, and had planned to join the father soon. Other children in the family have been quarantined.

At the Gastonia hospital Bobby Ray will be given the best of care for as long as he needs it. Physicians, trained nurses and technicians will bring to bear on his case all the most recent scientific knowledge concerning the dread disease—polio.

At the hospital he will be with another Moore County child, little Guye Franks Womble, 28. (Continued on Page 5)

Continued Operation And Maintenance As Airport Required

The Moore County airport was this week returned to the county by the U. S. government, its lessor for the past five years, complete with buildings, equipment and other improvements added during the government's wartime tenure, subject to conditions carefully worked out over a period of months to the present satisfaction of both parties.

The agreement, signed by representatives of both sides, was incorporated into the minutes of the county commissioners at their regular session at Carthage Monday.

The airport has been leased for the past two years by the county to Resort Airlines, subject to the prior claims of the government, which are now released. Declared surplus and delivered to the War Assets administration for disposal, the additions and all easements for their use have been transferred to the county on application, with the major condition being the continued use, operation and maintenance of the property as a public airport.

The term "public" is translated as meaning the exclusion of the use of the buildings and structures for manufacturing or industrial purposes.

The airport use shall be "on reasonable terms, and without unjust discrimination or exercise of any exclusive right for use of the same." Facilities shall be maintained in good and serviceable condition, and not used in any way that would constitute a hazard to "the landing, taking-off or maneuvering" of aircraft and otherwise limit their usefulness.

The government, released from all claims, retains the right to use of the airport, when necessary, under CAA limitations and regulations; and can revoke the transfer of the airport improvements if any of the conditions are violated.

F. L. McGinnis, deputy zone administrator for real property disposal, Zone 2, WAA, signed the agreement for the government.

Dr., Mrs. Fuquay Lose Their Lives In Lee Co. Crash

Dr. and Mrs. Fuquay of Coos, the latter a sister of Mrs. La Talton of Southern Pines, were fatally injured in an automobile accident Saturday night in Sanford as they were on their way for a weekend with the Taltons here.

Both died at the Lee County hospital soon after the accident, which took place on the Jonesboro-Tramway highway when they were taking as a short cut Southern Pines.

The accident took a total of three lives, the third that of Dewey McNeill, 29, Negro, of Sanford, driver of a car which came into violent collision with the Fuquay car, police said, as McNeill was apparently trying to pass a wagon. McNeill was said to have been instantly killed.

A Negro woman, who was driving the furniture-laden wagon, was taken to the Lee County hospital, where she sustained an amputation of her leg.

The Fuquay and McNeill cars were in head-on collision, according to the police report. Both cars were completely demolished, and the wagon was cut in half.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Fuquay suffered multiple injuries as they were crushed in the wreckage of their car.

Double funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. at the First Baptist church at Coos. Rev. Joe Long, pastor, assisted by other ministers, officiated at the burial in Lee County.

Surviving sons of the senior at Vass are Dr. and Mrs. Fuquay. Both Dr. and Mrs. Fuquay were prominent in Coos County. Dr. Fuquay was a graduate of the University of North Carolina. (Continued on Page 8)